Wm Bradford,

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Evangelist Office

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Dear Sir:

Your letter I have just perused, having been absent until now, on a Western journey. The neglect of the promise made at Norwich was less owing to forgetfulness or indifference than to necessity. We have been treading on the verge of — I had almost said bankruptcy, since that time, and every cent of money has been so absorbed by the pressing occurrence of Bank debts, checks & all that, that whatever debt could be delayed without fear of judgment, was postponed. It has been the source of no little chagrin that a debt so well earned should be thus treated.

The object of my visit to the country was to procure the means of raising some funds other than those derived from our business. I have made such arrangements as to give me hope that in a short time, or shall have a sufficiency to meet all our debts — yours, most cheerfully, among them. At the earliest period — which cannot be long — you may expect to hear from us in a better & more acceptable way.

We shall certainly hope for a continuation of your correspondence — with a little more punctuality & frequency, if possible, and it shall be on the conditions you name. We should like to hear — perhaps — from every Monthly Concert, you could — and ought to have heard of the Latimer case.

Very Respectfully, Dear Sir

Yours &c Wm Bradford